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REQUIREMENTS

- A. Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) is one of three cash assistance programs included in the Family Investment Program. It is available:
 1. To families with children when other resources and services do not fully meet the family's needs, and
 2. Only as a last resort
- B. Emphasis in the TCA program is on:
 1. Achieving total independence from the Family Investment Program, and
 2. Employment and it's value
- C. Applicants for TCA must:
 1. Complete and sign a TCA application form
 2. Complete the needs assessment process
 3. Satisfy child support requirements before TCA is approved
 4. Comply with any up front job search requirements
 5. Provide verification for all assistance unit members of:
 - Income
 - Assets
 - Alien status
 - Questionable information
 6. Provide Social Security numbers
 7. Cooperate with Quality Assurance reviews
 8. Adhere to the mutually agreed upon Family Independence Work Plan

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9. Apply for all potential resources for which they may be eligible. Potential resources for which the TCA applicant or recipient is required to file include, **but are not limited to:**

- Unemployment Insurance
- Supplemental Security Insurance
- Social Security Retirement, Survivor's Disability Insurance (RSDI)
- Retirement benefits from prior employees
- Veteran's benefits; and
- Worker's Compensation

Note: Caretaker relatives are required to file on behalf of children included in the assistance unit.

- D. Families eligible for federally funded TCA are automatically eligible for Medical Assistance (MA), but not all families eligible for federally funded TCA are automatically eligible for Food Stamps (FS)

Note: Qualified immigrants eligible for state funded TCA **are not automatically eligible for MA**. However, **state-funded MA** is available to the children and pregnant women.

- E. A full family sanction is imposed when a non-exempt adult fails to comply with or follow program requirements without good cause. An individual sanction is imposed when a non-exempt child fails to comply with work requirements without good cause, or when an adult has been convicted of an Intentional Program Violation (IPV) or has failed to comply with substance abuse requirements.

1. Sanctions are removed when the sanctioned cooperates

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2. Transitional Assistance is available up to 3 months at the discretion of the local department non-compliance with the work requirements

F. The needs of the family are assessed on a case by case basis

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Other Services and Programs - Child Support
- Sanctions - Fraud
- Sanctions - PPI
- Work and Education - Basic